

FREEDOM TRIUMPHANT.

COMMENCEMENT OF A NEW ERA.

DEATH OF SLAVERY.

The Constitutional Amendment Adopted.

Grandest Act Since the Declaration of Independence.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1865.

The hour has come! The proposed Amendment to the Constitution immediately abolishing and forever prohibiting Slavery comes up for final decision. An anxious throng of witnesses pours into the galleries; there is an air of confidence rising almost to exultation on the Union side, while a sullen gloom settles over the pro-Slavery benches.

Achibald McAllister, Dem., of the XVIIIth Pennsylvania District, reads a beautiful paper, in which he justifies his change of vote, and casts his ballot against the corner-stone of the Rebellion. Alexander H. Colgroth, Dem., of Pennsylvania XVIth District, follows in an unanswerable and manly argument, to show the power to amend and the policy to amend. Applause on the Republican side greeted these new accessions to Freedom.

12:45.—William H. Miller of Pennsylvania, XIVth District, (who was beaten at the last election by Geo. F. Miller, Union,) espouses pro-Slavery Democracy, and insists on keeping his party foot on the niggers.

The galleries are getting crowded, the floor of the House filling up.

Anson Herrick, Dem., IXth District of New-York, next gives frank and statesmanlike reasons why he has changed his views, and shall change his vote.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Jan. 21, 1865.

PROTEST AGAINST THE BANKRUPT LAW.

Mr. WADE presented a joint resolution of the Ohio Legislature protesting against the passage of the Bankrupt law, which was ordered to be printed and laid on the table.

Mr. WADE also presented a resolution of the Ohio Legislature, in favor of the repeal of the duty on printed paper, which was ordered to be printed and laid upon the table.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR CORRECTED.

Mr. WADE said that the Secretary of War, in reply to a communication from the Senate about the appointment of Generals, had made a mistake, which I wish to correct. He says, among other things, that Gen. Banks and Lee are before the Committee on the Conduct of the War. This is a mistake, and one which I wish to rectify, because it seems to be a standing one. I think it interferes with the disposition which the Executive wishes to make of these officers. Mr. Banks further stated that on the 1st of Decr. Gen. G. Wright was before the Committee for about two hours, to give testimony concerning the Red River Expedition.

Mr. WADE said that the Committee had given him in the city and called on him for a few minutes to explain some matters. Gen. Lee had not been before the Committee since the 1st day of January, when he gave testimony for about two hours. He (WADE) wished it to be understood that neither Gen. Banks nor Gen. Lee were debarred here by the Committee on the Conduct of the War.

1:30 p. m.—The crowd increases. Senators, Heads of Bureaus, prominent civilians and distinguished strangers, fill the spaces outside of the circle.

The interest becomes intense. The disruption of the Democratic party now going on is watched with satisfaction and joy upon the Republican side of the House; anxiety and gloom cover the obstinate body-guard of Slavery, whose contracting lines break with the breaking up of their party.

James S. Brown, Democrat, of Wisconsin, spitefully indicates his intention to vote against freedom. Aaron Hardin of Kentucky, a "Border State Unionist," bless the mark makes a melancholy effort to pique at young Democratic converts, and rams the struggling midget back under the protection of the sacred Constitution.

Martin Kalbfleisch, Democrat, of Brooklyn reads a long pro-Slavery composition which excites little attention and no interest.

3 p. m.—The hour for voting has arrived, and the fact is announced by the Speaker. Mr. Kalbfleisch is only at the 22d page of his composition, and begs to be endured through six pages more. This request is granted, with much reluctance.

The galleries are wonderfully crowded, and women are invading the reporters' seats. The Supreme Court and the Senate appear to have been transferred bodily to the floor of the House.

3:20 p. m.—A motion to lay the motion to reconsider on the table assumes the character of a test vote. The most earnest attention is given to the calling of the roll. Division Lists appear on all sides, and members, reporters, and spectators devote themselves to keeping tally.

Of course the attempt to table the amendment will fail; but there are not votes enough to pass the bill. Absentees drop in; one "aye," one "no." The roll is called over by the Reading Clerk, but the count has already been declared in whispers through the House—57 ayes, 51 nos. It is not tailed.

3:30 p. m.—Question is taken now on the motion to reconsider the vote of last session by which the proposed amendment was lost for want of two-thirds. The House vote to reconsider, Ayes 112, Nays 57.

Now commence efforts to stave off the final vote. Robert Mallory (Dem.) of Ky., with a menace as to what course he should decide pursues, appeals to Mr. Ashley to let the vote over till to-morrow. Other Democrats clamor for this delay.

Mr. Ashley consented to the proposition and the resolution was ordered to be printed.

MAINS TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

Mr. ANTHONY introduced a bill relative to mail service between New York and the Pacific coast, which just uttered on the floor. He wished to so set that when he returned home he would not be found derelict to the duty with which he had been entrusted, having taken an oath to protect, defend and preserve the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. STODDARD said that the resolution was passed, and to his knowledge, was not voted on.

Mr. HARRIS—*I suggest to the Senator if it would not be better to leave out the verbiage and make the resolution refer to the motion of Mr. Blair.*

Mr. STODDARD—I beg the Senator's pardon, but I prefer it to be.

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